

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COURT REPORTERS BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
March 27, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Julie Peak, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Airport Hotel.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Julie Peak, Chair, CSR
Karen Gotelli, Vice Chair, Public Member
Gary Cramer, CSR
John Hisserich, Public Member
Alfred Knoll, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

David E. Brown, Executive Officer
Norine Marks, Staff Legal Counsel
Gail Jones, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Ollinger, Special Projects

MINUTES

Ms. Peak asked if there were any additions or changes to the open session minutes of September 19, 2003 and December 13, 2003. Mr. Gary Cramer requested the following change to be made to the minutes of September 19, 2003:

- Page 2 under Board Policy on Use of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, the second sentence should read, "*The latest edition currently available is the eleventh edition and will be used by the Board for candidate appeals on and after the March 2004 CSR examination.*"

Mr. John Hisserich moved to accept the minutes as corrected (September 2003) and prepared (December 2003). Mr. Cramer seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED.**

VOICEWRITING - PILOT STUDY

Mr. David Brown reviewed the background information and the results of the voicewriting pilot study held on December 13, 2003. Mr. Brown stated Attachment H (Out of State Machine Writers Chart) was incorrect and would revise the chart. After a brief comment period, Ms. Peak stated there are no future plans to conduct another pilot study and directed staff to review and correct the information on Attachment H. (Note: the chart was correct, the text was incorrect. Interested parties were advised.)

EO REPORT

Mr. Brown provided the Board with a report regarding administrative issues. He stated under Statistical Data on Licensees/Applicants, future packets would also include the exam statistics regarding schools,

which would be the same information that is currently posted on the Board's website. Another issue that would be included under this category, starting with this Board packet, would be updates on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Brown requested the Board members input regarding the format of this subject. He reviewed with the Board SB 1914 regarding changes to Business and Professions Code 8024, which includes language for the Board to issue an interim permit to new licensees; changes the reporting requirements of misdemeanors for renewal licenses; and requires all schools to have a student disclosure statement in each file by June 30, 2005. Because SB 1914 was not agendized, the Board could not take a position on the bill. Ms. Peak directed staff to write a letter of support to the Committee on Business and Professions regarding this bill. She also requested SB 1914 to be agendized for the next Board meeting for a motion of support to be made. Mr. Cramer provided the Board an update regarding the Judicial Council's Reporting of the Record Task Force.

2004 SUNSET REVIEW

Ms. Ollinger provided the Board with information regarding Sunset Review. The report is due September 1, 2004 to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (Committee). The report will include what the Board has done since the last review. A hearing will be scheduled for late November or early December of 2004. Everyone on our mailing list and interested parties including schools and associations will be invited to the hearing. Prior to the hearing some draft recommendations will be prepared, following the hearing the Department of Consumer Affairs will receive their opportunity to weigh in on the Board. The Committee will make their presentation in March 2005. Around April 2005, the Committee will vote on the recommendations and a bill will be introduced prior to that which will serve as a vehicle for the Sunset Review bill to extend or eliminate the Board. Ms. Ollinger provided to the public an overview of the Sunset Review process. Ms. Ollinger stated the report would be prepared and presented to the Board for review and approval prior to submission, which is dated to occur at the July meeting. This will give the Board approximately a month to approve or edit any changes.

AB 2057 (Harman) - Presentation by Deposition Reporters Association

Ms. Lynda Goddard from Deposition Reporters Association requested of the Board to support changes to the current language of Business and Professions Code Sections 2025(a) and 2025(k). Discussion ensued, whereupon Ms. Peak tabled the issue until the next meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Board tentatively scheduled the following meeting dates:

- Thursday, July 29, 2004 - Los Angeles;
- Thursday, November 11, 2004 - Los Angeles

ADJOURN/CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:15 p.m.

JULIE PEAK, Chair

DATE

DAVID E. BROWN, Executive Officer

DATE